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The PHEMU09 catalogue and astrometric results of the observations of the mutual occultations and eclipses of the Galilean satellites of Jupiter made in 2009

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ABSTRACT

Context. In 2009, the Sun and the Earth passed through the equatorial plane of Jupiter and therefore the orbital planes of its main satellites. It was the equinox on Jupiter. This occurrence made mutual occultations and eclipses between the satellites possible. Experience has shown that the observations of such events provide accurate astrometric data able to bring new information on the dynamics of the Galilean satellites. Observations are made under the form of photometric measurements, but need to be made through the organization of a worldwide observation campaign maximizing the number and the quality of the data obtained.
Aims. This work focuses on processing the complete database of photometric observations of the mutual occultations and eclipses of the Galilean satellites of Jupiter made during the international campaign in 2009. The final goal is to derive new accurate astrometric data.
Methods. We used an accurate photometric model of mutual events adequate with the accuracy of the observation. Our original method was applied to derive astrometric data from photometric observations of mutual occultations and eclipses of the Galilean satellites of Jupiter.
Results. We processed the 457 lightcurves obtained during the international campaign of photometric observations of the Galilean satellites of Jupiter in 2009. Compared with the theory, for successful observations, the r.m.s. of O–C residuals are equal to 45.8 mas and 81.1 mas in right ascension and declination, respectively; the mean O–C residuals are equal to –2 mas and –9 mas in right ascension and declination, respectively, for mutual occultations; and –6 mas and +1 mas in right ascension and declination, respectively, for mutual eclipses.

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1. Introduction

Photometric observations of mutual occultations and eclipses of natural satellites of planets offer an efficient source of new astrometric data. We took the opportunity of the 2009 occurrence to organize a worldwide observational campaign that allowed us to gather very accurate astrometric observations. We report in this paper the results of the campaign under the form of photometric and astrometric data.

2. The mutual events

The Earth and the Sun cross the equatorial plane of Jupiter every six years at the time of the Jovian equinox. The Jovian declinations of the Earth and the Sun then become zero and, since the

orbital plane of the Galilean satellites is close to the equatorial plane of Jupiter, the satellites occult and eclipse each other.

The 2009 period was favorable because the equatorial plane crossing occurred near the opposition of Jupiter and the Sun making the observations easier.

Arlot (2008) compiled predictions of all 2009 events using the G5 ephemerides based on Lieske's theory (Lieske 1977) and the newer L1 ephemerides from Lainey et al. (2004a,b) for the motion of the Galilean satellites; 370 observable mutual events were computed. Before 2009, several observational campaigns were completed during previous occurrences (Arlot 1992, 1997, 2006, 2009). Table 1 presents the results derived for each campaign up to the present campaign. Our goal was to observe as many events as possible. At least two observations of each event were desirable to eliminate any biases in the present observations.

★ J. P. Rousselle died in 2009.

Table 1. Results of the past observation campaigns.

Number of	1985	1991	1997	2003	2009
Sites	28	56	42	42	74
Lightcurves	166	374	292	377	457
Observed events	64	111	148	118	172

Since no thick atmosphere surrounds any of the Galilean satellites, the photometric observations of these phenomena are extremely accurate for astrometric purposes. The results previously obtained after similar observations of the Galilean satellites demonstrated that high astrometric accuracy could be achieved; an accuracy higher than 30 mas was expected (Lainey et al. 2004b).

This accuracy allowed us to provide the data necessary to improve the theoretical models of the orbital motions and to determine the tidal effects in the dynamics of the Galilean satellites through the measurement of a shift in longitude of the satellites, signature of an acceleration in their motions.

3. The PHEMU09 campaign

We coordinated an international PHEMU09 campaign to acquire a significant number of events. These events occurred in a short period of time, so numerous observers located in several sites were necessary to help avoiding meteorological problems and to observe different events from different longitudes. This is why observers previously involved in PHEMU observational campaigns of mutual events of the Galilean satellites were invited to join the new campaign.

The observational data of the international campaign PHEMU09 were provided from different sources and were processed in three different ways.

Source R: the photometric observations of mutual occultations and eclipses of the Galilean satellites of Jupiter in 2009 were made in five observatories in Russia. The 89 lightcurves were processed with the procedure explained in the present paper. A description of this series of observations and obtained astrometric results was published in Emelyanov et al. (2011).

Source B: a series of observations was made in the observatory of Itajuba, Brazil. The 30 lightcurves were provided to the Institut de Mécanique Céleste et de Calcul des Éphémérides (IMCCE). We processed these photometric results with the procedure described here and present the obtained photometric and astrometric data. We note that 25 out of 30 of these lightcurves were processed by an original method and published by Dias-Oliveira et al. (2013). The astrometric results are slightly different from ours.

Source A: other numerous observations were made in several sites around the world. The results were provided to IMCCE. This series of data includes 384 lightcurves. From 338 of them astrometric results were successfully obtained; 46 other lightcurves yielded no astrometric results for the reasons listed below.

For this campaign, 370 events were observable, 172 different events were successfully observed. In total 457 lightcurves were successfully obtained and reduced.

3.1. Detectors

When observing mutual events, only relative photometry can generally be completed. Since the elevation of Jupiter above the horizon may be small, the air mass is often too high and absolute photometry is then impossible. Telescopes were equipped with the detectors listed in the tables. Two kinds of detectors were used, the video cameras (Table 2) providing movies and the two-dimensional CCD detectors (Table 3) providing series of images. Visual observations and observations using single channel photoelectric photometers are no longer performed. The codes for the detectors used are given in Tables 4 for each site of observation.

3.2. Observation sites

Coordinated by the Institut de Mécanique Céleste et de Calcul des Éphémérides (IMCCE), this campaign included 74 observation sites (81 different telescopes). The different locations are given in Tables 4. These tables give the codes, locations, and telescopes used (T means reflector, L refractor, SCT Schmidt-Cassegrain-telescope, MCT Maksutov-Cassegrain telescope) followed by the aperture in cm, and longitudes, latitudes, and altitudes of the observational sites. The observation codes (Obs. codes) are also given in Tables 5 and 6 which provide the data for each observation. The column labelled O gives the number of observations received from the observers, R the number of observations from which the astrometric results were obtained, N the number of observations where the light curves show no events, L the number of observations with incorrect data or missing metadata.

4. Lightcurve reduction procedure

Lightcurves are the results of a series of successive images. Such a series may have different forms: a simple analogic or numeric video movie or a set of images of successive fits files. In both cases, each image is dated in Universal Time or in a time scale linked to Universal Time with an accuracy better than 0.1 s.

The photometry of each image had to be made with care even if we were doing relative photometry not absolute. In order to perform relative photometry, each recording of an event must have either two objects on each image (the occulted or eclipsed satellite with another reference satellite) or a reference taken before and after the event if only the satellites involved in the event are present on each image. The reference is necessary and its flux should be constant during the event. If not, it is due to the passage of light clouds. Then, the reference will be used to rebuild the fluxes by dividing event flux/reference flux. At any time this ratio is dependent on any variation of the global received light flux. In addition, the background light had to be removed especially for observations made during twilight when it varies rapidly.

Then, the light reflected by the satellites has to be measured on each image. It is necessary to tell if the measured light corresponds to one or two satellites (and sometimes three if the satellites are too close together) and a file is built providing for each image a series of data as follows: the dates in UTC and the light fluxes of the satellites involved in the event followed when possible by the light from a reference object and the light from the background. These files are provided by the observers but it is not these files which are provided in our database rather the files described in Sect. 6.1[1].

Figures 1 to 5 show examples of lightcurves. We note that the determination of the light flux on each image may be made

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[1] At http://www.imcce.fr/fr/ephemerides/donnees/nsdc/nsdf/fjuphemu.html

Table 2. Video detectors used for the observations.

Code used in the tables	Description
CAM1	Mallincam Hyper Color Plus
CAM2	CCD Video PAL camera: 25 fps
CAM3	PC 164C video camera
CAM4	Watec 120N, Video Camera
CAM5	NTSC Video (PC164C w/ Iz filter)
CAM6	NTSC (PC164C unfiltered)
CAM7	Video CCD
CAM8	Video camera
CAM9	Watec 120-N+ video camera for recording
CAM10	CCD webcam Philips ToUCam Pro
CAM11	CCD webcam Philips
CAM12	Watec 120N, CCIR, 1/2" Sony CCD-Sensor ICX419ALL
CAM13	Watec 902H Video Camera
CAM14	SONY ICX428ALL
CAM15	Watec 902H2 Ultimate video camera
CAM16	SONY ICX429ALL
CAM17	Lumenera SKYnyx 2.0M
CAM18	CCD Video camera
CAM19	Watec 120N+ video camera
CAM20	CCD Video camera PAL 25 fps
CAM21	WAT-902H2 Sup
CAM22	Watec 120N. CCD Sony ICX-418ALL 1/2″
CAM23	Mintron (video camera) with Time Inserter KIWI
CAM24	Video camera on VHS tape digitized with a Dazzle DV 90 converter
CAM25	CCD webcam Philips Toucam Pro II
CAM26	GBC505E video camera
CAM27	Watec 120N, Video Camera
CAM28	no information
CAM29	Nikon D40 on June 16, otherwise Canon PowerShot A570 IS
CAM30	KPC-350BH video camera

either through a Gaussian fit of the object or an aperture photometry integrating all the light in a specific area with the careful elimination of the light from the sky background.

5. Extracting astrometric data from the photometry of satellites during the mutual occultations and eclipses

We use our original method to derive positional and astrometric data from the measurements of satellite fluxes during their mutual occultations and eclipses (see Emelyanov 2000; Emel'yanov 2003; Emelyanov & Gilbert 2006), for a description of the method, also used in Emelyanov (2009) and Emelyanov & Vashkovyak (2009).

We adopt Hapke's light scattering law in our solution (Hapke 1981, 1984). His scattering function depends on five parameters, which are constant for a given satellite and spectral band. McEwen et al. (1988) give the Hapke parameters for the rough surface of the Io satellite, whereas Domingue & Verbiscer (1997) refined the Hapke function for rough surfaces and, in particular, for the other three Galilean satellites. Given that most of the observations of the Galilean satellites were made with the *V* filter, or with no filter at all, we adopt the set of parameters from Domingue & Verbiscer (1997) for the 0.55 μm spectral band. During the event, almost half of the leading and half of the trailing hemisphere of each satellite were viewed from the Earth, and we therefore use the mean values for the corresponding parameters. We allow for solar limb darkening as described by Emel'yanov (2003) and Emelyanov & Gilbert (2006), and use tables from Makarova et al. (1998) to this end. In our solution,

we use the dependence of the magnitudes of the Galilean satellites on the angle of rotation based on the ground-based photometry by Morrison & Morrison (1977). Some revision of this dependence was adopted for Ganymede and Callisto using observations made by Prokof'eva-Mikhailovskaya et al. (2010).

The main idea of our method consists in modelling the deviation of the observed relative satellite motion from the theoretical motion provided by the relevant ephemeris, rather than analysing the apparent relative motion of one satellite with respect to the other.

The measured flux $E(t)$ during an event at time t can be expressed by

$$E(t) = K \cdot S(X(t), \ Y(t)) + P, \tag{1}$$

where $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$ are the projections of the differences of planetocentric Cartesian coordinates of the two satellites onto the tangent plane of the event. In the case of mutual occultations, this plane coincides with the plane passing through the occulted satellite perpendicular to the line of sight of the observer. In the case of a mutual eclipse, the plane of the event passes through the eclipsed satellite perpendicular to the line connecting the satellite with the center of the Sun. The coordinate origin is placed at the center of the passive (occulted or eclipsed) satellite. The occulting or eclipsing satellite is referred to as the active satellite.

The function $S(X(t), \ Y(t))$ describes the model of the phenomenon. In a general case we have

$$S(X(t), \ Y(t)) = \frac{G^{(a)} + G^{(p)}(X(t), \ Y(t))}{G^{(a)} + G^{(p)}(X(t_1), \ Y(t_1))},$$

Table 3. CCD detectors used for the observations.

Code used in the tables	Description
CCD1	Starlight SX with Sony ICX027BL chip
CCD2	field 10×7 arcmin
CCD3	field 6×4 arcmin
CCD4	CCD 2078×2048 pixels: field $10' \times 10'$
CCD5	CCD Atik 16IC Sony ICX424AL 659×494 px
CCD6	SBIG ST-7XMEI
CCD7	SBIG ST-7
CCD8	Atik 16HR
CCD9	Meade DSI II Monochr.
CCD10	DMK 21 AU
CCD11	SBIG ST10-XME
CCD12	SBIG ST-7XME
CCD13	SBIG ST-7 ME
CCD14	SBIG ST-8XME cl1
CCD15	Meade DSI I Color
CCD16	CCD GAS-Pulkovo
CCD17	SBIG ST-7XME
CCD18	Meade DSI II Color
CCD19	Digital Reflex Canon Eos 400D
CCD20	SBIG ST402ME CCD Camera
CCD21	SBIG ST-8
CCD22	Mintron MTV-12V6EX
CCD24	SBIG ST9E
CCD25	CCD field 33×30 arcmin
CCD26	SBIG ST-7XE
CCD27	KODAK KAF-6300
CCD28	EEVCCD (cf. Dias et al. 2013)
CCD29	CCD FLI ProLine 09000
CCD30	CCD S2C
CCD31	SBIG ST-6
CCD32	PixelVision
CCD33	AP47p CCD
CCD34	PL16803
CCD35	Apogee Alta U6, Kodak KAF-1001E
CCD36	SBIG ST10-CCD

where $G^{(a)}$ is the light flux from the occulting or eclipsing satellite and $G^{(p)}(X(t), Y(t))$ is the light flux from the occulted or eclipsed one. Here t is an instant in time during the event and t_1 denotes the instant immediately before the start of the event. In the case of mutual eclipse when the light flux from eclipsed satellite only is measured $G^{(a)} = 0$. In our calculations we partition the surface of the eclipsed or occulted satellite into finite elements. For each element the flux received is calculated separately according to the assumed photometric model. We compute the total luminous flux from the surface of the satellite as the sum of the fluxes from all partition elements. It is evident that $S(X(t), Y(t)) = 1$ off event. The parameter K is a scale factor for the flux drop during the event and it is equal to the total flux measured outside the event. We refer to the part of the photometric count that is not due to the satellite flux as the background and denote it as P.

Theories of the motion of planets and satellites can be used to compute the theoretical values of functions $X(t)$, $Y(t)$, i.e., $X_{th}(t_i)$, $Y_{th}(t_i)$ at times t_i $(i = 1, 2, ..., m)$ for each photometric measurement. Here m is the number of photometric counts during a single event. The actual values of $X(t_i)$, $Y(t_i)$ differ from $X_{th}(t_i)$, $Y_{th}(t_i)$ by the corrections D_x, D_y.

Our method consists in solving conditional equations

$$E_i = K S(X_{th}(t_i) + D_x, Y_{th}(t_i) + D_y) + P \qquad (2)$$
$$(i = 1, 2, ..., m)$$

for constants D_x, D_y, K, and P. Here E_i is the photometric count made at time t_i. We linearize conditional equations with respect to the parameters D_x, D_y and then solve them using the least-squares method.

In our final solution we use the theory of the motion of the Galilean satellites developed by Lainey et al. (2009) to compute the theoretical values $X_{th}(t_i)$, $Y_{th}(t_i)$ and then the corrections D_x, D_y.

Astrometric results of the observations may have the form of any corrected relative position of satellites $X(t^*) = X_{th}(t^*) + D_x$, $Y(t^*) = Y_{th}(t^*) + D_y$ together with the associated time instant t^* inside the time interval of the event. Although this is not mandatory, we assume that t^* is the time instant when $\sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}$ takes its minimum value, t^* is the time of the closest apparent approach of the satellites.

Modern data fitting procedures can use the X, Y coordinates directly. Given that in published results of observations there are differences of the topocentric angular coordinates X'', Y'', we prefer to present our final results in these coordinates as well. We note that in the cases of mutual eclipses angular coordinates are heliocentric.

Given the topocentric or heliocentric distance R of the passive satellite one can compute X'', Y'' from X, Y using precise equations. In the cases of ground-based observations of the mutual events of natural satellites approximate relations

$$\tan X'' = X/R, \quad \tan Y'' = Y/R$$

can be used, which are accurate for these observations to 0.00001 arcsec. In a similar way we designate by D_x'', D_y'' the angular values corresponding to the corrections D_x, D_y. In the case where the same event was observed at two observatories the time instants t^* may differ because of observational errors and hence the differences between the coordinates $X(t^*)$, $Y(t^*)$ obtained at two observatories cannot be viewed as bias indicators. The quantities D_x'', D_y'' characterize the agreement between theory and observations. These quantities can be used to compare the results of observations made at different observatories. The errors σ_x and σ_y of the derived parameters $X''(t^*)$, $Y''(t^*)$ characterize the internal accuracy of photometry estimated via the least-squares method.

After computing the D_x, D_y values we determine the minimum value S_{min} of the normalized flux $S(X_{th}(t) + D_x, Y_{th}(t) + D_y)$ based on observations. The maximum flux drop during the event is then equal to $1 - S_{min}$. In certain cases, where the corrections D_x, D_y could not be reliably determined, we converted the coordinates X, Y into the coordinates connected with the apparent trajectory of the relative satellite motion. Once determined in this coordinate system, the corrections were converted into the D_x, D_y values.

The occulting satellite may pass above or below the occulted satellite at the same distance from the latter producing the same dips in the total flux. Thus, any observed lightcurve of the satellites has two solutions for the corresponding coordinate differences of apparent coordinates of satellites. For each observation the minimum values of D_x, D_y was a factor taken into account when choosing between the two solutions. Most of our astrometric results come from processing the mutual event observations where both corrections D_x, D_y could be obtained.

In the case where the apparent disc of one of the satellites overlaps fully with that of the other satellite, the solution becomes uncertain in one of the relative coordinates. Similar effects also occur in the case of mutual eclipses of satellites. In such cases observations yield only the correction to the position

Table 4. Observation sites for the PHEMU09 campaign.

Obs. code	O	R	N	L	Site, Country	Tel.	D cm	Det.	Longitude deg ′ ″	Latitude deg ′ ″	Alt. m
Source A:											
ASM:	1	1	0	0	Scaggsville, USA	SCT	20	CAM1	76 53 12 W	39 8 59 N	117
BBH:	1	1	0	0	Herne, Germany	T	20	CCD1	7 10 30 E	51 31 35 N	55
BCS:	7	7	0	0	Bucharest, Romania	SCT	30	CCD2	26 5 34 E	44 26 55 N	80
BCT:	3	3	0	0	Bucharest 2, Romania	T	15	CCD3	22 46 15 E	46 46 44 N	1400
BDX:	10	7	2	1	Bordeaux, France	T	62	CCD4	0 31 39 W	44 50 6 N	73
BLN:	24	24	0	0	Darfield, New Zealand	T	25	CAM2	172 6 24 E	43 28 53 S	200
BN:	1	1	0	0	Lille, France	L	32	CCD5	3 4 15 E	50 36 37 N	32
BTN:	9	9	0	0	Newark, USA	SCT	25	CAM3	77 7 7 W	43 0 24 N	165
CAL:	1	1	0	0	Anthon, France	T	23	CAM4	5 9 59 E	45 47 30 N	214
CED:	6	5	0	1	Edmond, USA	T	20	CAM5	97 31 3 W	35 39 44 N	339
CKE:	6	5	0	1	Kent, USA	T	25	CAM6	122 9 34 W	47 21 37 N	124
CM:	5	5	0	0	Armagh, Northern Ireland	T	15	CCD6	6 38 59 W	54 21 11 N	67
CPS:	3	3	0	0	Sabadell, Spain	MCT	13	CAM7	2 6 32 E	41 32 16 N	184
DC:	9	9	0	0	Kuriwa, Australia	T	25	CAM8	150 38 28 E	33 39 52 S	286
DH:	36	29	6	1	Kambah, Australia	SCT	35	CAM9	149 3 49 E	35 12 56 S	581
DO:	1	1	0	0	Sparta, Greece	SCT	25	CCD7	22 25 60 E	37 4 0 N	0
FA:	2	2	0	0	Keratea, Greece	SCT	23	CCD8	24 2 29 E	37 49 60 N	0
GA1:	19	19	0	0	Catania, Italy	T	20	CCD9	15 3 18 E	37 32 37 N	325
GA2:	2	2	0	0	Medelana, Italy	T	40	CCD10	11 9 9 E	44 21 44 N	651
GA3:	1	1	0	0	Gragnola, Italy	T	18	CCD11	10 6 31 E	44 11 21 N	0
GA4:	3	3	0	0	Catania M, Italy	T	20	CCD12	15 3 52 E	37 37 47 N	700
GA5:	4	4	0	0	Siena, Italy	L	10	CCD13	11 20 12 E	43 18 45 N	50
GA6:	1	1	0	0	La Spezia, Italy	L	20	CAM7	9 49 39 E	44 6 27 N	0
GA8:	9	9	0	0	Sorrento, Italy	T	25	CCD12	14 21 27 E	40 37 7 N	275
GA9:	3	3	0	0	Palermo, Italy	T	25	CAM10	13 20 20 E	38 9 14 N	30
GAC:	1	1	0	0	Ceccano, Italy	T	36	CCD14	13 19 43 E	41 34 6 N	190
GAN:	2	2	0	0	Catania N, Italy	T	20	CCD15	15 4 30 E	37 30 30 N	30
GAS:	2	1	1	0	GAS Pulkovo, Russia	T	50	CCD16	42 40 0 E	43 44 54 N	2070
GB1:	14	14	0	0	Catania 23, Italy	T	23	CCD17	15 3 18 E	37 32 37 N	325
GB2:	1	1	0	0	Castel di Judica, Italy	T	11	CAM10	14 43 0 E	37 28 37 N	175
GB4:	12	12	0	0	Caselle, Italy	T	20	CCD18	9 47 52 E	45 5 54 N	44
GB6:	2	2	0	0	Ragusa, Italy	L	8	CCD19	14 43 60 E	36 55 0 N	40
GB7:	1	1	0	0	Castelnuovo, Italy	T	25	CAM11	10 0 28 E	44 6 17 N	325
GBC:	2	2	0	0	Castiglione, Italy	T	20	CCD12	15 3 51 E	37 48 55 N	1481
GD:	26	21	5	0	Nonndorf, Austria	T	25	CAM12	15 13 60 E	48 47 28 N	601
GJP:	10	9	0	1	Elgin, USA	T	20	CCD20	117 55 15 W	45 34 22 N	835
HP:	11	9	1	1	Marsfield, Australia	SCT	20	CAM13	151 6 12 E	33 46 14 S	89
JAN:	2	1	1	0	Akashina-Nanaki, Japan	SCT	25	CAM14	137 56 45 E	36 19 56 N	901
JGB:	2	2	0	0	Bartlesville, USA	SCT	20	CAM15	95 57 10 W	36 43 5 N	232
JGC:	1	1	0	0	Ochelata, USA	SCT	20	CAM15	95 59 51 W	36 35 60 N	262
JGO:	3	1	0	2	Sabadell 50, Spain	T	50	CCD21	2 5 29 E	41 33 4 N	224
JHS:	9	9	0	0	Okino, Japan	SCT	28	CAM16	136 12 25 E	35 6 6 N	140
JIM:	1	1	0	0	Mie, Japan	L	13	CAM16	136 33 34 E	35 7 10 N	92
JMS:	10	10	0	0	Moriyama, Japan	SCT	30	CAM14	135 56 34 E	35 6 22 N	85
JPP:	2	2	0	0	Sainte-Maxime, France	T	25	CAM17	6 35 60 E	43 45 4 N	30
JRM:	3	3	0	0	Moia, Spain	T	20	CCD22	2 5 44 E	41 49 5 N	822
JTN:	5	5	0	0	Waikanae, New Zealand	T	25	CAM30	175 1 57 E	40 51 20 S	5
JVM:	14	12	0	2	Mundolsheim, France	MCT	15	CCD24	7 42 46 E	48 38 48 N	140
KOU:	7	7	0	0	Kourovskaya, Russia	T	45	CCD35	59 32 50 E	57 2 12 N	280
LI:	5	5	0	0	Athens, Greece	SCT	40	CCD21-36	23 46 60 E	37 58 7 N	0
LNA:	1	0	0	1	LasNegras, Spain	T	20	CAM18	2 0 55 W	36 52 5 N	50
MD:	7	6	0	1	Tournefeuille, France	SCT	25	CAM17	1 19 34 E	43 34 59 N	158
MEU:	1	1	0	0	Meudon, France	T	100	CAM19	2 13 52 E	48 36 51 N	150
MUH:	1	1	0	0	Haast, New Zealand	T	15	CAM20	168 51 30 E	43 56 23 S	5
MU:	4	4	0	0	Christchurch, New Zealand	T	15	CAM20	172 38 27 E	43 29 49 S	10
OK:	4	4	0	0	Odessa, Ukraine	MCT	50	CAM21	30 45 20 E	46 28 40 N	86

of the satellite along the trajectory of its relative motion. As a result, only position angle A defined with the equation

$$\tan A = \frac{X}{Y}$$

can be determined for a certain time instant (t^*) near the time of minimum apparent distance between the satellites. The data obtained in such cases form a separate section of our astrometric results.

In our final solution for astrometric coordinates we assume that the effect of the background on the result of photometric measurements is already eliminated by the observers and therefore we set $P = 0$.

Table 4. continued.

Obs. code	O	R	N	L	Site, Country	Tel.	D cm	Det.	Longitude deg ′ ″	Latitude deg ′ ″	Alt. m
Source A (cont.):											
PAR	1	1	0	0	Parnon, Greece	SCT	25	CCD8	22 35 5 E	37 15 39 N	1420
PFC	4	3	0	1	Pic du Midi, France	SCT	20	CAM22	0 8 32 E	42 44 41 N	2860
RCS	2	1	0	1	Sabadell 16, Spain	L	16	CAM23	2 5 29 E	41 33 4 N	224
RVC	1	1	0	0	Chester, USA	SCT	35	CAM24	83 12 7 W	32 22 14 N	101
SB	3	1	0	2	Busto Arsizio, Italy	SCT	20	CAM25	8 51 9 E	45 36 11 N	235
SD	4	1	0	3	Columbia, USA	T	25	CAM26	86 59 43 W	35 31 36 N	231
SHS	1	1	0	0	Zhejiang, China	T	25	CCD25	119 36 15 E	30 8 0 N	993
TAA	6	6	0	0	Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan	T	60	CCD26	76 57 15 E	43 12 0 N	1450
TCK	1	1	0	0	Keratea M, Greece	MCT	12	CCD8	24 2 29 E	37 49 60 N	0
TC	3	3	0	0	Ellinogermaniki, Greece	SCT	40	CCD8-6	23 53 36 E	37 59 52 N	0
TG	11	4	0	7	Umatilla, USA	T	30	CAM19	119 17 46 W	45 55 20 N	98
TPB	6	2	4	0	Ukkel, Belgium	T	85	CCD27	4 21 28 E	50 47 51 N	105
TTS	1	1	0	0	Sounion, Greece	T	25	CCD8	24 1 0 E	37 40 0 N	0
TT	1	1	0	0	Lavrion, Greece	SCT	25	CCD8	24 2 60 E	37 43 0 N	0
VPP	4	4	0	0	Praha, Czech republic	T	30	CAM27	14 28 30 E	50 8 27 N	325
WEI	2	2	0	0	Weihai, China	T	100	CAM28	122 2 59 E	37 32 9 N	21
Source B:											
ITA	30	30	0	0	Itajuba, Brazil	T	60	CCD28	45 32 57 W	22 32 22 S	1860
Source R:											
CRI	15	15	0	0	Nauchny Z, Ukraine	T	60	CCD33	34 0 54 E	44 43 46 N	593
CRM	12	12	0	0	Nauchny RST, Ukraine	T	22	CCD34	34 0 54 E	44 43 46 N	593
GAS	20	20	0	0	GAS Pulkovo, Russia	T	50	CCD16	42 40 5 E	43 44 52 N	2070
P26	6	6	0	0	Pulkovo 26, Russia	T	60	CCD29	30 27 27 E	59 46 2 N	73
PNA	6	6	0	0	Pulkovo NA, Russia	T	33	CCD30	30 27 27 E	59 46 2 N	73
PUL	1	1	0	0	Pulkovo ZA, Russia	T	32	CCD31	30 27 27 E	59 46 2 N	73
TER	30	30	0	0	Terskol, Russia	T	60	CCD32	42 30 0 E	43 16 30 N	3100
VOR	3	3	0	0	Voronezh, Russia	T	50	CAM29	39 13 3 E	51 39 50 N	160
VO1	1	1	0	0	Voronezh 1, Russia	T	11	CAM29	39 28 39 E	51 53 59 N	100

6. The catalogue

6.1. The data

The catalogue of the data gathered after the observation campaign of the mutual events of the Galilean satellites is provided under the form of 457 files (one for each observation) containing a series of photometric measurements: the lightcurve obtained from the photometry of the mutual event calibrated using the flux scale coefficient K obtained after the fit of the parameters on the observations, so that the measured flux must be equal to 1 when no event occurs and to 0 if no light is received from the observed objects (if only the flux from the eclipsed satellite is measured and if this satellite has disappeared). The calibrated value of the measured flux is supplied with the theoretical value of the flux obtained after the fit of the parameters to the observation. On each line of the file, we provide three numbers as follows: first the time in minutes counted from 0 h (UTC) of the day of the event; second, the calibrated value of the observed measured flux (the value E_i/K, see the Eq. (2)), and third, the light flux modelled after the fit of the parameters on the observation as explained above (the value $S(X_{th}(t_i) + D_x, Y_{th}(t_i) + D_y)$ in Eq. (2)).

The catalogue also contains a file of relative astrometric positions of the two satellites involved in each mutual event (one line per event) as described in the Sect. 6.2 and in Tables 5 and 6.

Figures 1 to 5 show examples of observed lightcurves: the dots are the observations and the line is the model as explained in Sects. 4 and 5.

The lightcurves and the astrometric results are available for anyone interested from the electronic database of the Natural Satellite Data Center (NSDC) server[2].

6.2. Astrometric results

We subdivide our final astrometric results into two sections. The first section includes the results obtained from the observations where two coordinates $X''(t^*)$, $Y''(t^*)$ could be successfully determined. The second section contains the results obtained in the cases where only the position angle could be determined.

In the first section each final result of the observation of a single mutual phenomenon at a given observatory is presented by the following fields: the date, the type of the phenomenon (eclipse or occultation) including the satellite numbers, the observatory code, the time instant t^* in the UTC scale, $X''(t^*)$, $Y''(t^*)$, σ_x, σ_y, D''_x, and D''_y. The type of phenomenon is coded as $n_a o n_p$ or $n_a e n_p$ for a mutual occultation or eclipse, respectively. Here n_a is the number of the occulting or eclipsing satellite and n_p is the number of the occulted or eclipsed satellite. We give the results in the form of the angular separation s (in arcseconds) and position angle A (in degrees) corresponding to $X''(t^*)$, $Y''(t^*)$. The angular separation s is determined by the equation

$$s = \sqrt{(X'')^2 + (Y'')^2}.$$

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[2] http://www.imcce.fr/nsdc or on the ftp server at ftp://ftp.imcce.fr/pub/NSDC/jupiter/raw_data/phenomena/mutual/2009/ and at http://www.sai.msu.ru/neb/nss/index.htm

Table 5. Fragment of the first section of astrometric results.

Date year, m., d.	Type	Obs. code	UTC Time h, m, s,	$X''(t^*)$ arcsec	$Y''(t^*)$ arcsec	σ_x arcsec	σ_y arcsec	D_x'' arcsec	D_y'' arcsec	s arcsec	A deg	Q	S_{min}
2009 4 17	1o3	GA1	3 1 34.03	−0.195	0.508	0.020	0.014	0.014	−0.004	0.544	338.99	0	0.828
2009 4 17	1o3	GB1	3 1 34.10	−0.201	0.524	0.024	0.017	0.008	0.012	0.561	338.99	0	0.834
2009 4 20	3o1	RCS	3 48 0.21	−0.202	0.524	0.035	0.026	−0.028	0.066	0.561	338.93	0	0.764
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2009 8 19	3e2	GJP	6 13 28.57	0.054	−0.135	0.009	0.000	0.031	0.036	0.146	158.24	0	0.654
2009 8 19	3o2	TG_	5 39 39.35	0.357	−0.914	0.017	0.012	−0.029	−0.012	0.981	158.69	0	0.879
2009 8 21	1e2	BLN	10 46 2.09	−0.114	0.311	0.006	0.007	0.427	0.071	0.331	339.84	2	0.731
2009 8 21	1e2	JTN	10 42 30.13	−0.179	0.488	0.003	0.002	−0.037	0.101	0.520	339.83	0	0.845
2009 8 21	1o2	BLN	10 18 14.95	0.083	−0.232	0.005	0.007	0.293	−0.145	0.247	160.32	2	0.648
2009 8 21	1o2	GJP	10 16 43.61	0.036	−0.102	0.025	0.050	0.012	−0.099	0.108	160.30	0	0.594
2009 8 21	1o2	JTN	10 17 19.39	0.225	−0.629	0.014	0.009	0.293	−0.593	0.668	160.31	2	0.854
2009 8 22	1o2	GJP	4 8 4.63	−0.242	0.601	0.025	0.020	0.033	−0.008	0.648	338.02	0	0.838
. . .													
2009 12 24	1o2	JHS	9 17 55.25	0.148	−0.369	0.010	0.008	−0.004	0.047	0.398	158.14	0	0.769
2009 12 24	1o2	JMS	9 17 52.79	0.172	−0.429	0.008	0.006	0.005	−0.019	0.463	158.15	0	0.818
2009 12 24	1o2	JTN	9 17 50.27	0.161	−0.401	0.019	0.013	−0.021	0.003	0.432	158.14	0	0.795

Table 6. Fragment of the second section of astrometric results.

Date year, m., d.	Type	Obs. code	UTC Time h, m, s,	A deg	σ_{along} arcsec	$(O–C)_{along}$ arcsec	R
2009 9 19	1e2	DH_	15 30 21.01	337.70	0.0022	0.0478	0
2009 9 19	1e2	HP_	15 30 12.63	337.75	0.0014	0.0318	0
2009 9 19	1e2	JHS	15 30 12.09	156.94	0.0019	0.0363	0
. . .							
2009 11 23	2o1	BCS	17 29 38.41	160.24	0.0105	−0.0461	0
2009 11 23	2o1	GA1	17 29 41.05	339.60	0.0045	−0.0327	0
2009 11 23	2o1	GA2	17 29 37.58	158.51	0.0039	−0.0529	0
2009 11 23	2o1	GD_	17 29 39.12	159.68	0.0057	−0.0274	0
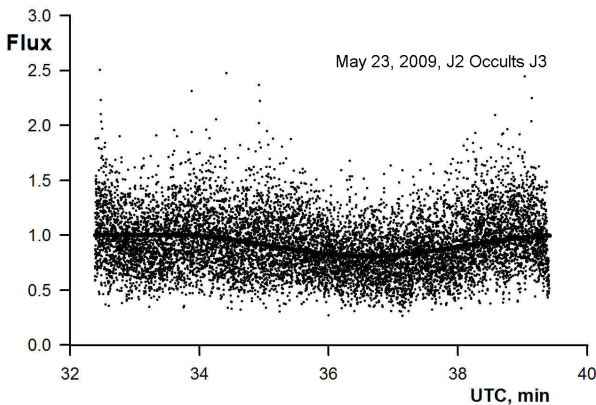
Fig. 1. J2 occults J3 on May 23, 2009: this observation shows a grazing event with a small magnitude drop. The signal is noisy. The noise could be reduced with a longer integrating time for each point.
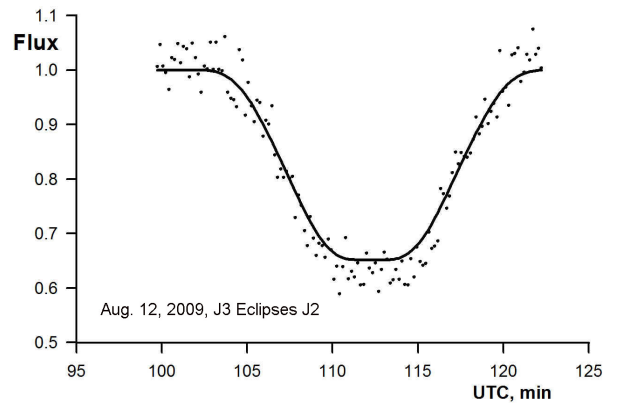

Fig. 2. J3 eclipses J2 on August 12, 2009: the flat bottom of the lightcurve for the model and for the observation.

We also give the minimum level S_{min} of normalized flux. We assign flag Q to each observation in order to indicate the quality and the reliability of the result. Flag Q may have acquired one of the following four values: 0 for normally determined coordinates, 1 for the cases doubtful photometric data, 2 for results following from low-quality photometry, and 3 for results very different from those from other observatories. Right ascensions and declinations are measured in the international celestial reference frame (ICRF). All angular quantities are in arcseconds. In the case of a mutual occultation, t^* is the time of topocentric observation of satellites. In the case of mutual eclipse, t^* is the time of topocentric observation of the eclipsed satellite.

The quantities σ_x and σ_y can be interpreted as internal errors of $\Delta\alpha\cos\delta_p$ and $\Delta\delta$, respectively, and D_x'', D_y'' are the residuals with respect to the theory of Lainey et al. (2009).

Table 5 gives a fragment of the first section of astrometric results.

The data in the second section are given by the following set of fields: the date, the type of the phenomenon (eclipse or occultation) including the satellite numbers, the observatory code, the time instant t^* in the UTC scale, the position angle A, the precision σ_{along} of the apparent position along the apparent relative trajectory of the satellite as obtained with the least-squares method. Differences in the apparent relative position of the satellites along the apparent relative trajectory obtained from
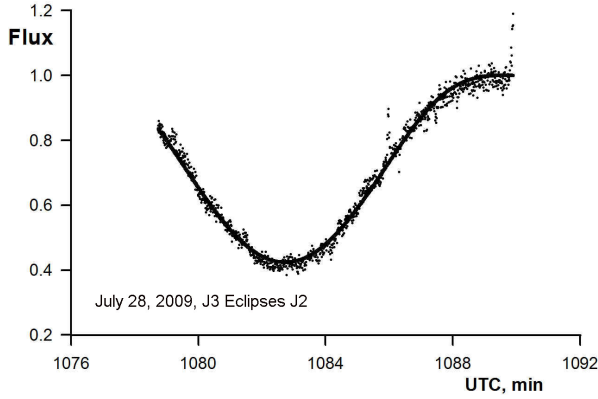
Fig. 3. J3 eclipses J2 on July 28, 2009: the observation started a little late. The minimum of the lightcurve is clearly visible allowing the reduction.
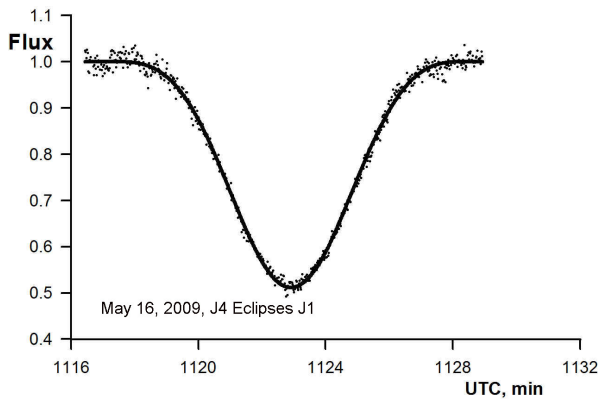
Fig. 4. J4 eclipses J1 on May 16, 2009: the lightcurve is perfectly modelled and the observation is not noisy.
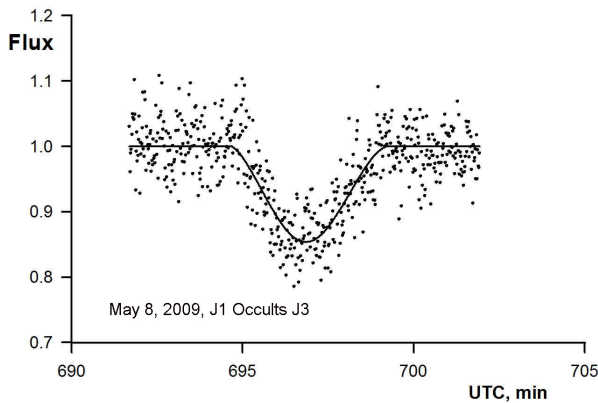
Fig. 5. J1 occults J3 on May 8, 2009: the observation is noisy, but the lightcurve is perfectly modelled. As in Fig. 1, a longer integrating time for each point could decrease the noise.

observation and determined from the theory of Lainey et al. (2009) are given in the column (O–C)$_{along}$. In addition, a sign R is assigned showing the reason why only one coordinate was determined: 0 for a total mutual eclipse or occultation observed, 1 for the results following from low-quality photometry. In these cases the apparent relative position of the satellite measured across the apparent trajectory cannot be determined accurately enough and therefore position angles can be determined only up to ±180° ($A \pm 180°$).

Table 6 gives a fragment of the second section of the astrometric results.

Table 7. Estimates of the accuracy of the results of astrometric reduction performed to determine two relative coordinates of satellites $X''(t^*)$, $Y''(t^*)$.

Type of total error estimates	Errors of X'' (in RA) mas	Errors of Y'' (in Dec) mas
Total random errors	18.4	15.6
R.m.s. of O–C from Lainey et al. (2009)	45.8	81.1

Notes. Only the 365 best observations are taken into account.

Tables 5 and 6 are available in electronic form from the Natural Satellites Data Center service[3].

7. Estimation of the accuracy of the derived astrometric results

The following estimates of the accuracy of the derived astrometric results were made. The least-squares method yields standard errors σ_x, σ_y for the parameters D_x'', D_y'' derived from the observed lightcurves. These errors are due to random errors of photometry and characterize the internal accuracy of astrometric results. We have calculated the r.m.s. values of these estimates for the 365 best astrometric results taken from Table 5 with $Q = 0$ (some 15 observations with $Q > 0$ were also excluded). These estimates are listed in Table 7 as total random errors.

The values D_x'' and D_y'' show an agreement of the theory by Lainey et al. (2009) with the obtained astrometric results. The values D_x'' are residuals in right ascension and D_y'' in declination. Therefore we have also calculated the total r.m.s. of all D_x'' and D_y'' computed over the 365 best observations mentioned above. These estimates are given in Table 7 as r.m.s. of O–C.

8. Conclusions

We reduced the entire database of photometric observations of the mutual occultations and eclipses of the Galilean satellites of Jupiter made during the international campaign in 2009 to determine the topocentric or heliocentric angular differences for satellite pairs at 457 time instants on the time interval from April 17, 2009 to December 24, 2009.

The standard errors of the relative satellite coordinates due to the random errors of the photometry are equal to 18.4 mas and 15.6 mas in right ascension and declination, respectively. For successful observations, the r.m.s. of O–C residuals with respect to the theory by Lainey et al. (2009) are equal to 45.8 mas and 81.1 mas in right ascension and declination, respectively, and the mean O–C residuals are equal to –2 mas and –9 mas in right ascension and declination, respectively, for mutual occultations and –6 mas and +1 mas in right ascension and declination, respectively, for mutual eclipses. For 23 observations only the position angle was derived.

We now look forward to observing the next mutual events: the occurrence will take place from September 2014 to July 2015. The occurrence will be very favorable since the maximum of events will occur at the opposition of Jupiter with the Sun. Contrary to the 2009 occurrence that was more favorable for the southern hemisphere (Jupiter had a delination equal

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[3] At http://www.imcce.fr/nsdc and http://www.sai.msu.ru/neb/nss/index.htm

to –10 degrees), the 2014–15 occurrence will be more favorable for the northern hemisphere (Jupiter will have a declination equal to +20 degrees). The site of the campaign is available at the address: http://www.imcce.fr/phemu/.

Ephemerides of the mutual eclipses and occultations of the Galilean satellites of Jupiter in 2014–2015 with local observational conditions is available at the address: http://www.imcce.fr/hosted_sites/saimirror/nsszph515he.htm.

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